

and to lift standards of living. The greatest opportunity is that in rising to meet the climate crisis, we in our generation will find the moral authority and capacity for long term vision to get our act together in this world and take on these other crises, not political problems, and solve them. We are one people, on one planet. We have one future, one destiny. We must pursue it together, and we can.

The great Spanish poet from Sevilla Antonio Machado wrote, "Path walker, there is no path. You must make the path as you walk."

There is no path from Bali to Copenhagen unless you make it. It's impossible given the positions of the powerful countries, including my own, and the instructions from which they are not going to depart. But you can make a new path. You can make a path that goes around that blank spot. And you can go forward.

There are two paths you can choose. They lead to two different futures. Not too long from now, when our children assess what you did here in Bali, what we in our generation did here in this world. As they look backward, at 2007, they will ask one of two questions. I don't know which one they will ask, I know which one I prefer they ask, but trust me, they will ask one of these two questions.

They'll look back and either they will ask, "What were you thinking? Didn't you hear the IPCC four times unanimously warning the world to act? Didn't you see the glaciers melting? Didn't you see the North Polar ice cap disappearing? Didn't you see the deserts growing and the droughts deepening and the crops drying up? Didn't you see the sea level rising, didn't you see the floods, didn't you pay attention to what was going on? Didn't you care? What were you thinking?"

Or they will ask a second question, one that I much prefer them ask. I want them to look back on this time and ask, "How did you find the moral courage to successfully address a crisis that some many have said was impossible to address? How were you able to start the process that unleashed the moral imagination of humankind to see ourselves as a single global civilization?" And when they ask that question, I want you to tell them that you saw it as a privilege to be alive at a moment when a relatively small group of people could control the destiny of all generations to come. Instead of shaking our heads at the difficulty of this task and saying, "Woe is us, this is impossible, how can we do this?" We're so mad at the ones that are making it harder; we ought to feel a sense of joy that we have work that is worth doing, that is so important to the future of all humankind. We ought to feel a sense of exhilaration that we are the people alive at a moment in history when we can make all the difference. That's who you are. You have everything you need. We have everything we need, save perhaps political will, but political will is a renewable resource.

Thank you very much.

HONORING ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. THROUGH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR SECURITY OFFICERS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to an event honoring my pioneering predecessor, former Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., of New York, and

acknowledged in the New York CARIB News December 10 story, "Honoring The Legacy of Adam Clayton Powell Jr." Local 32BJ—the largest private sector union in New York and the largest property service union in the country—has evoked the memory and legacy of Mr. Powell in its campaign to organize private security guards. The more than 60,000 New York security officers deserve a living wage that meets their needs and those of their families. This battle is the most recent offshoot of Mr. Powell's influence on social and economic justice. It is in his spirit that these hard-working Americans fight for the benefits due them, and I wholeheartedly join them in this campaign.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.

NEW YORK, NY.—In a major step forward for Local 32BJ's city-wide campaign to organize security officers, Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts welcomes Local 32BJ President Mike Fishman and Reverend Johnny Ray Youngblood to the Abyssinian Baptist Church for its annual commemoration of the life and work of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

This is the first time the union's security officer campaign is being brought to the attention of Abyssinian's members.

"Honoring the legacy of Adam Clayton Powell means continuing his fight for social and economic justice," said Mike Fishman, Local 32BJ President.

"It is unfair that these men and women risk their lives protecting million dollar buildings, but don't make enough to support their families."

More than 60,000 men and women in New York, most of whom are African-American, work as private security officers. Although they keep our city safe, many of them earn less than \$10/hr, receive no affordable health care and little, if any, state-of-the-art security training.

"As leaders in this city in the fight for social and economic justice the support of Reverend Butts and Reverend Youngblood is vital to the success of our campaign," Fishman added.

"Local 32BJ's campaign to raise wage and living standards is about more than 60,000 security officers—it is about New York itself," said Reverend Calvin Butts.

"The union's campaign is our community's campaign because it represents a unified call-to-action to pay men and women not only what they deserve, but what they need, to support their families—regardless of color."

"Labor and African-American leaders have a long history of working together—including organizing campaigns led by Dr. Martin Luther King on behalf of sanitation workers and by Adam Clayton Powell on behalf of pharmacists in Harlem."

"Nothing is more important in the union's security officer campaign than fighting for respect," said Rev. Youngblood. "Armed with respect for ourselves and from the community, and empowered with hard-earned respect from employers, we will win this fight for economic and social justice."

The recent event took on added significance because the union's campaign has been gaining momentum, and now represents more than 6,000 security officers in New York—double the number from just a few years ago.

With new campaigns visible at Jet Blue and Fordham University, which both use Summit, a low-wage security contractor, the campaign has picked up steam in recent months.

With more than 85,000 members, including 60,000 in New York, Local 32BJ is the largest

private sector union in New York and the largest property service union in the country.

MISSED VOTES

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2007

JANUARY 22, 2007

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam. Speaker, due to events in my district, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 42: Passage of H. Res. 475. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

JANUARY 22, 2007

Madam Speaker, due to events in my district, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 43: Table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair for H. Res. 476. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Madam Speaker, due to events in my district, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 44: Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. No. 52. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Madam Speaker, due to events in my district, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 45: Motion to suspend the rules and Agree to H.R. 390. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Madam Speaker, due to events in my district, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 46: Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 29. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

FEBRUARY 8, 2007

Madam Speaker, due to events in my district, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 87: Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 547, and amendment to include language which encourages the Assistant Administrator to utilize Land Grant Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions and other minority serving institutions among other resources to undertake research for programs covered by the bill. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Madam Speaker, due to events in my district, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 88: Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 547, an amendment to add a new paragraph to section 3, Biofuel Infrastructure and Additives Research and Development, to include issues with respect to where in the fuel supply chain additives optimally should be added to fuels. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Madam Speaker, due to events in my district, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 89: Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 547, an amendment to add a new paragraph to section 3 which includes issues with respect to certification by a nationally recognized testing laboratory of components for fuel dispensing devices that specifically reference compatibility with alcohol blended and biofuels that contain greater than 15 percent alcohol. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Madam Speaker, due to events in my district, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 90: Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 547, an amendment to add a new section 7 entitled Additional Funding. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Madam Speaker, due to events in my district, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 91: